

### MINISTRY ROSTER—SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

For all who have previously registered to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Proclaimers of the Word & Altar Servers, thank you for your patience. Please see the roster for the month of September. We understand it will take some time for everyone to settle into their rostered day, so if you have any concerns or cannot attend your rostered day, please see Fr Bernie or call 9369 9328.

16 - 17 September (Week 3)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Trisha Brookes	Annabella Abruzzese	Sally Crane
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Margaret Duncan Grainne Tierney-Reed	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

23 - 24 September (Week 4)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Rory Reed	Des Durkin	Mary McCafferty
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Fran Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

30 September - 1 October (Week 5)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Eddie Seeto	Joy Pertile
Euch Minister	Cameron Ward	Gaye Zammit Michelle Byrne	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Miriam Wairau
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Michelle Byrne	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

7 - 8 October (Week 1)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Mia Vincigierra	Bianca Abruzzese	Elizabeth Rosa
Euch Minister	Margaret Blake	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly



## Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 - 17 September 2017

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, is lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

#### FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30-28:7

**Our desire for revenge can block us from receiving God's mercy**  
Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103:1-4. 9-12

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Continued...

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

#### FOR 8:30AM & 10AM SUNDAY MASS

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

#### SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:7-9

**As we belong to Christ, we live to the Lord**  
We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms: 145

Second Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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### REFLECTION

Jesus’ teaching about the need to settle conflict, the basis of last week’s gospel, was a surprising summons for Christians to fly in the face of accepted standards of judgement and condemnation. Here the teaching becomes even more outrageous! There is no end to the forgiveness offered. For the average person, represented by Peter, forgiving another person seven times would show a very substantial commitment to mercy. Seven is used in the Bible to signify perfection so Peter is not being mean in his suggestion. This is a very reasonable degree of tolerance. Yet Jesus, in his parable of the servant who is forgiven a debt equivalent to millions but cannot forgive his fellow a lesser sum, turns our human understanding of what constitutes a fair thing on its head. God’s forgiveness is prodigious but it is dependent on our willingness to forgive each other in the same way. The inability or unwillingness of the servant to match the master’s forgiveness is a powerful contrast. The master forgives in compassion but the servant resorts to violence. If one has truly experienced the loving forgiveness of God, it must be shared with others.

### A FEW WORDS FROM FR BERNIE...

Recently, as mentioned at Mass last week, I read the following excerpt from our Parish History book “A Church at Charing Cross” written by Fr John Keane OFM in 1998.

*In January 1940, Fr Bernard Nolan succeeded Fr Andrew Wogan as parish priest of Waverley. The Ireland Franciscan Commissariate had become the autonomous Australian Province in October 1939 and Fr Andrew had been appointed from Rome as its first Minister Provincial. Fr Bernard immediately set about erasing the remaining debt on the church so that it could become a consecrated rather than simply a blessed one. He achieved this so quickly that Mary immaculate was consecrated by Archbishop (not yet Cardinal) Norman Gilroy on 22 October 1942. The 14 marble roundels into which are incised the consecration crosses at which the church was anointed can be seen: Ten on the nave and sanctuary pilasters; two on the rear wall, either side of the entrance doors; and one at each jamb of the central door into the nave. These crosses are the permanent record of the consecration even should the official consecration document be lost or destroyed. Interestingly the article says the following about the candle brackets; “It is regretted that their accompanying candle brackets which should hold candles traditionally lit on its annual anniversary have disappeared”.*

As you can see these candle brackets have, since the writing of this article been found and restored. So we have a big celebration ahead of us next month when we celebrate 75 years since our church was consecrated. I encourage as many as possible to be present at the 10am Mass for a celebration of our church followed by a BBQ. However for this to happen I need some volunteers to help prepare the day especially the food and BBQ.

Please contact me if you are keen/able to help. It will also be our monthly family Mass so many of our parish school students and parents will be present. Let’s celebrate our faith and our church!

Blessings.  
Fr Bernie.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- ◆ A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day’s casual labour.
- ◆ The use of the word ‘torturers’ in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of ‘tormentors’. It may be that the debtor’s friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty,  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.**



### Mass Times

**Monday - Friday:** 9:15am  
**Saturday:** 9:15am,  
9:45 - 10:15am Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10am & 5pm  
**Note:** Children’s Liturgy on 2nd  
Sunday of month 8:30am Mass & on  
4th weekend at 10am is Family Mass

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### LET US PRAY FOR...

**Those who are sick:** Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie’s Mum), Gary Shipton, Kim Roper, Br Stan Cusack, Joan Roberts, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Joan Dunsmore

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret McGlowe, Daisy Sadler, Kate Hassett, Neil Thomas (Fr Bernie’s Dad), Cesare Scarfone, Giuseppe Vecchio Ruggeri,

**Those who have recently deceased:** Ivan Curotta, Robert Richardson, Meryl Tapsell,



### NEWS AND NOTICES

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Just a reminder that Daylight savings begins on Sunday, 1 October at 2am. Our Sunday evening service will be again at 6pm from Sunday, 1 October, not 5pm.

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Please pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Communion for the first time today.



You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the **Holy Spirit Fraternity Waverley** which will be held next **Wednesday, 27 September** commencing at 7pm in the Friars Chapel. Please note that we will be showing the DVD, “St. Francis and the Sultan – The Story”.

#### TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS

The Transitus will be held in Mary Immaculate Church on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm followed by a light supper provided in the Parish Centre. All are invited to this special event in preparation for St. Francis’ Feast Day on 4<sup>th</sup> October.



#### FRIARS RETREAT

Please note that Fr Bernie will be away from 24—29 September at the Friars Retreat. Please note the Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion will be held on 24 to 26 Sept at 9:15am Mass, but the 28 – 29 Sept 9:15am Mass will be as per usual with visiting priest.

#### MARRIAGE PLEBISCITE

As survey forms begin arriving across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information. Go to [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook) to download your free copy.

#### MONTH OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILIES

In October, Catholic parishes around Australia will participate in a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families. There is a theme for each week of Oct and prayers of intercession for each Sunday. Posters and prayers will be sent to your parish. A video explaining this initiative featuring Bishop Michael Kennedy, delegate of the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council & materials to use in your parish can be found at: [www.acmfc.org.au](http://www.acmfc.org.au).

#### ROMAN PILGRIMAGE 2018

The parish is looking at organising a Franciscan focussed parish pilgrimage to Rome (with a few days in Assisi) from mid to late May 2018. If you’re interested or would like more info, please email Fr Bernie [bthomas@franciscans.org.au](mailto:bthomas@franciscans.org.au)